

NEW SERVICE HAS BEEN COMMENCED

Local Postoffice Has Equipment for New Parcels Post Established.

The new parcels post service began January 1st, and the local postoffice is equipped with the supplies for the new and important work of the post-office department.

The entire United States is divided into units, nearly 5813 of them, the numbers running consecutively from north to south, the north zone in each being 50 greater than the next zone to the east.

Every postmaster is provided with a map with his postoffice as the center of the series of circles drawn to show the cost for varying distances. The first distance marked is within a radius of 50 miles, the next 150 miles the third 300 miles, the fourth 600 miles, the fifth 1,000 miles, the sixth 1,400 miles, the seventh 1,800 miles, and the eighth zone comprises all distances beyond 1,800 miles.

The Binford unit is number 3153. With the map comes a tape to measure all distances, a Parcel Post Guide with each city arranged alphabetically in each state.

Large stamps are provided each postmaster to stamp the package "fragile," "insured," or "perishable" as the case may be.

Senders must write the return address on every package and they must be prepaid. However, if inadvertently they are not, or have not sufficient postage the sender may put up a guarantee and if the addressee pays the postage the sender gets his money back.

The parcel post check is attached to the parcel, one coupon from which is given the sender, one goes to the office from which the parcel is mailed and the receiver must sign the check attached to the parcel which is retained as a receipt by the office from which the parcel is delivered.

Parcels improperly addressed or without returns on, and which the addressee refuses to pay postage on goes to the dead letter office excepting in cases of perishable goods, in which case the contents are disposed of.

Up to a weight of four ounces the present rate of one cent an ounce continues.

Rural carriers will both receive and deliver.

All parcels must be properly wrapped or they will not be received.

Rural carriers have been provided with map, guide and regulations but have not yet been provided with scales. They are supposed to be good guessers at weights.